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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.115 AND STATEMENT
REGARDING FEWER THAN INVENTORS OF PRIOR APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the application, please enter the amendments below
and consider the following remarks.

Submitted herewith is Appendix A, a marked-up version of a replacement
paragraph of the specification.

IN THE APPLICATION:

Please delete Ulrich F. Tillman as an inventor of this application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification at page 1, by replacing the first paragraph
beginning "This application" with the following paragraph:

This application is a division of Application No. 08/968,685 filed
November 12, 1997, currently allowed, which is a continuation-in-part of
Application No. 08/642,712 filed May 3, 1996.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 23-26, and 30-32 without prejudice.

REMARKS

The present application is a divisional of U.S. patent application no. 08/968,685 (Parent Application). The specification is amended herein to recite the full lineage of this divisional application. A marked-up version of the amended paragraph is attached as Appendix A in which added material is indicated by underlining.

Claims 23-26 and 30-32 are cancelled without prejudice not for any reason related to patentability but merely because the subject matter of these claims was pursued in the Parent Application.


This application is filed with a copy of the original Declaration executed by the inventors of the Parent Application. By amendment herein, a request is made to delete the name of Ulrich F. Tillman as he is not an inventor of the remaining subject matter of this divisional application.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) with revised PTO Form 1449 listing references AA-AY is submitted herewith. A copy of references AA-AC, AE-AO, AQ, AS-AT and AV-AY cited either by Applicants or the Patent and Trademark Office, can be found in the file of the Parent Application No. 08/968,685 filed November 12, 1997; a copy of references AD, AP, AR and AU is enclosed with the IDS.

It is requested that all references be reviewed and made of record in the file of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A

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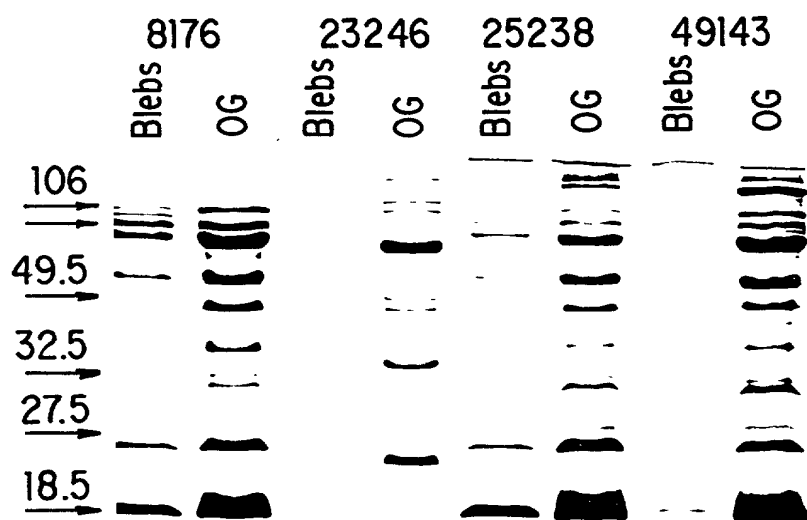


FIG.1

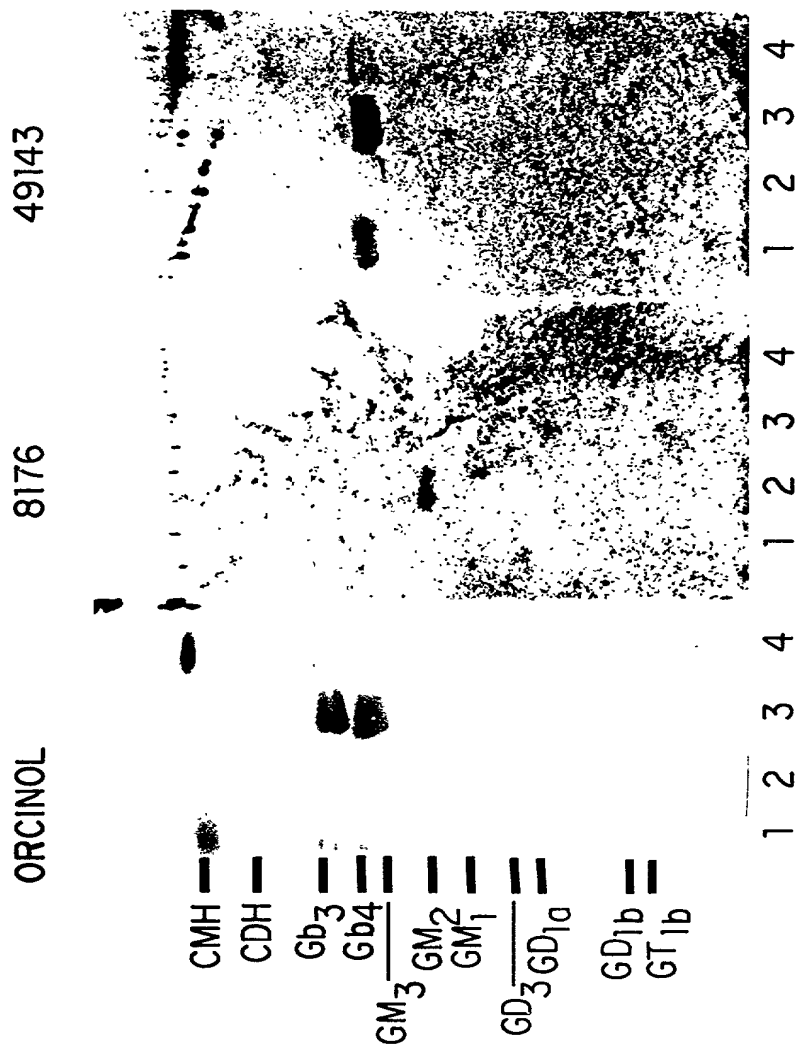


FIG.2

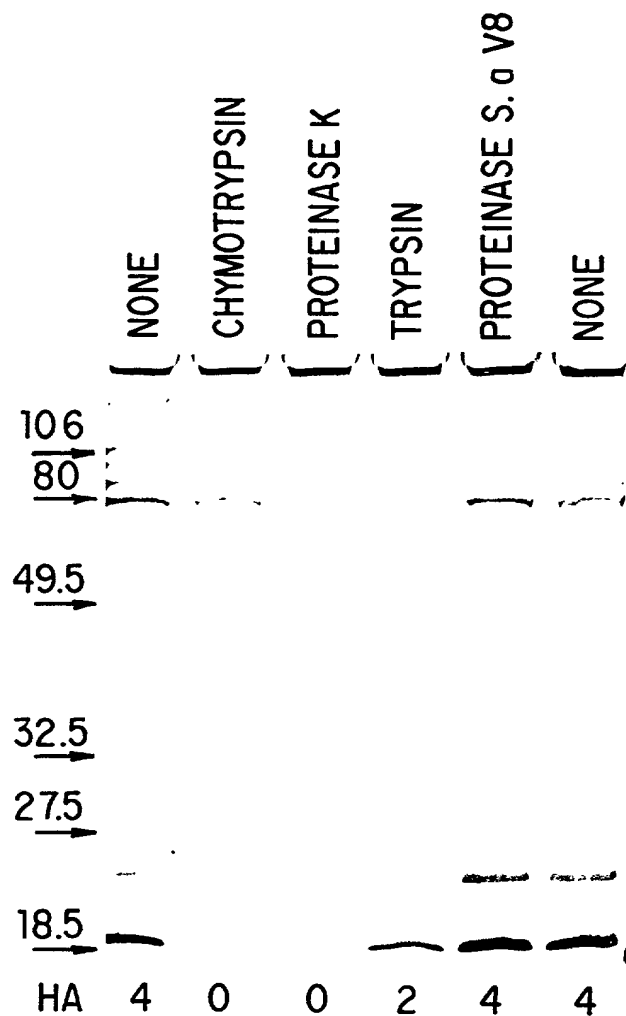


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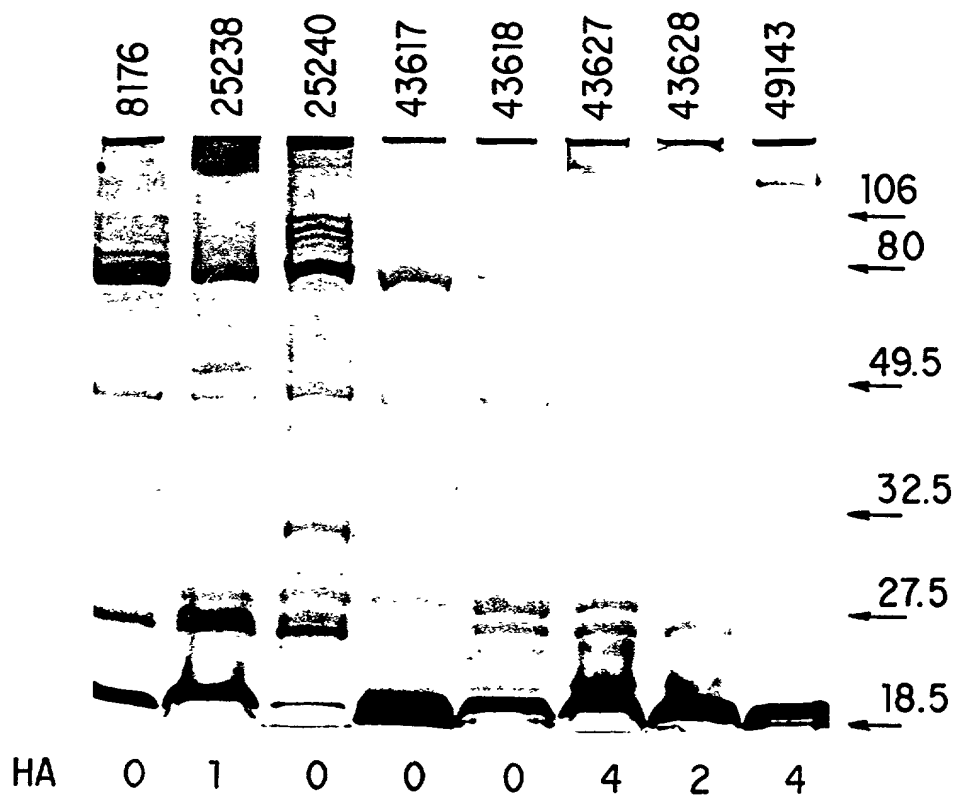


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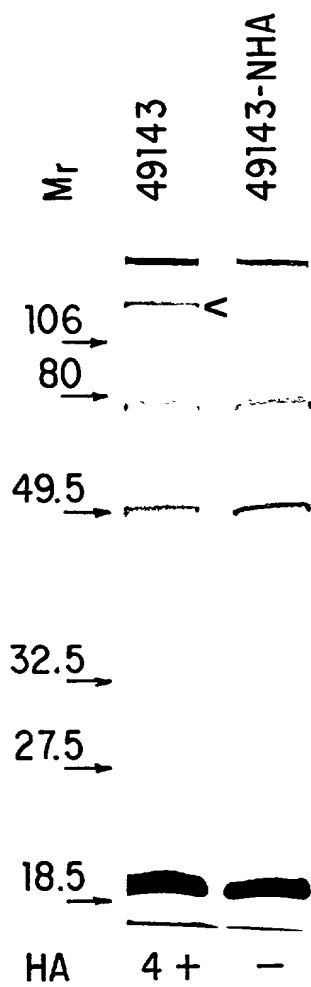


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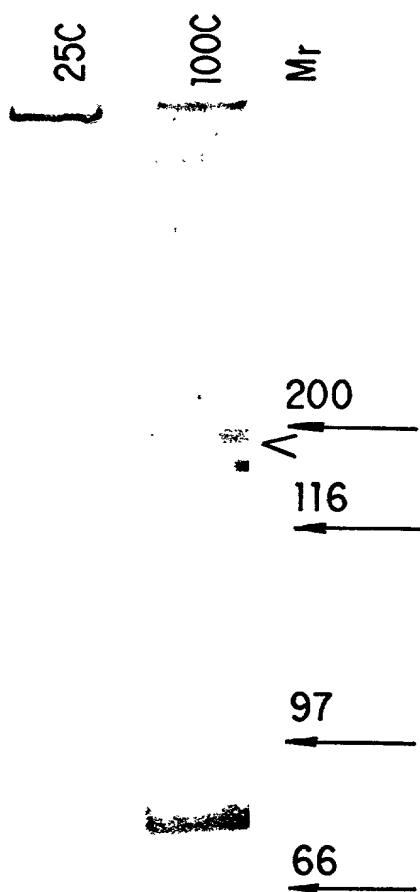


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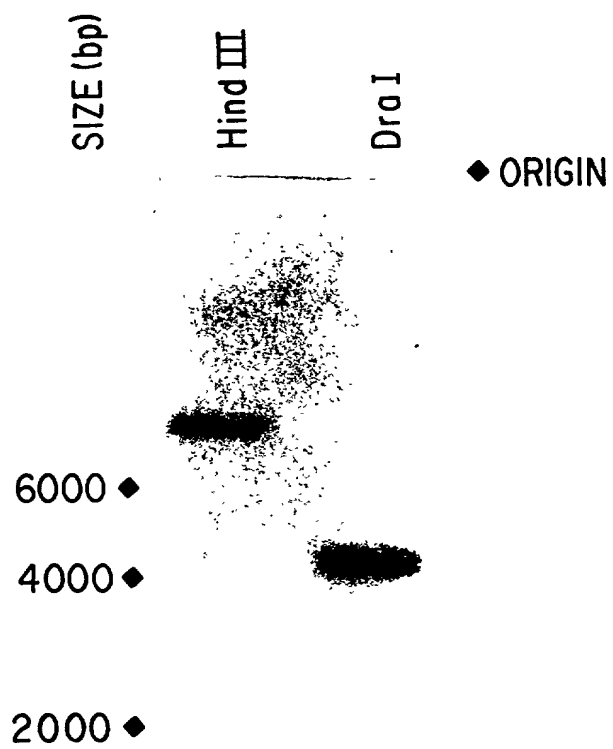


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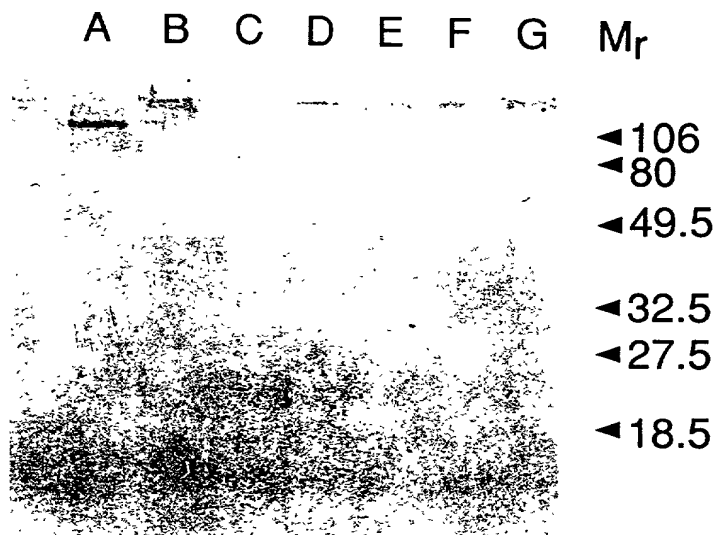


FIG.8A

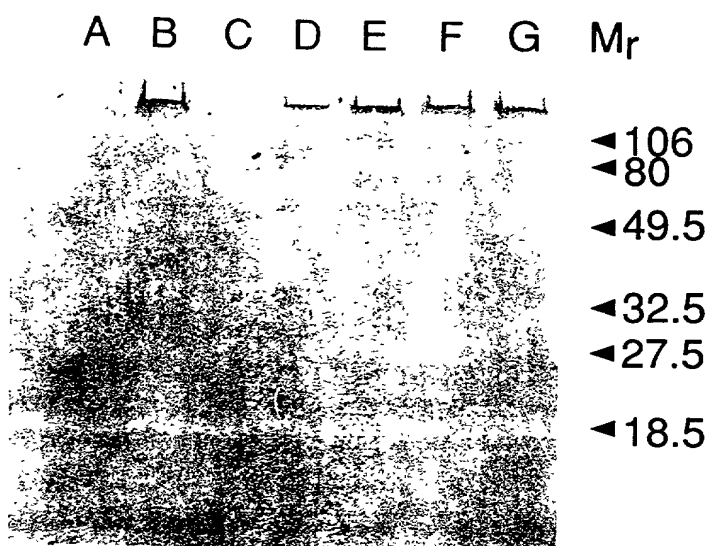


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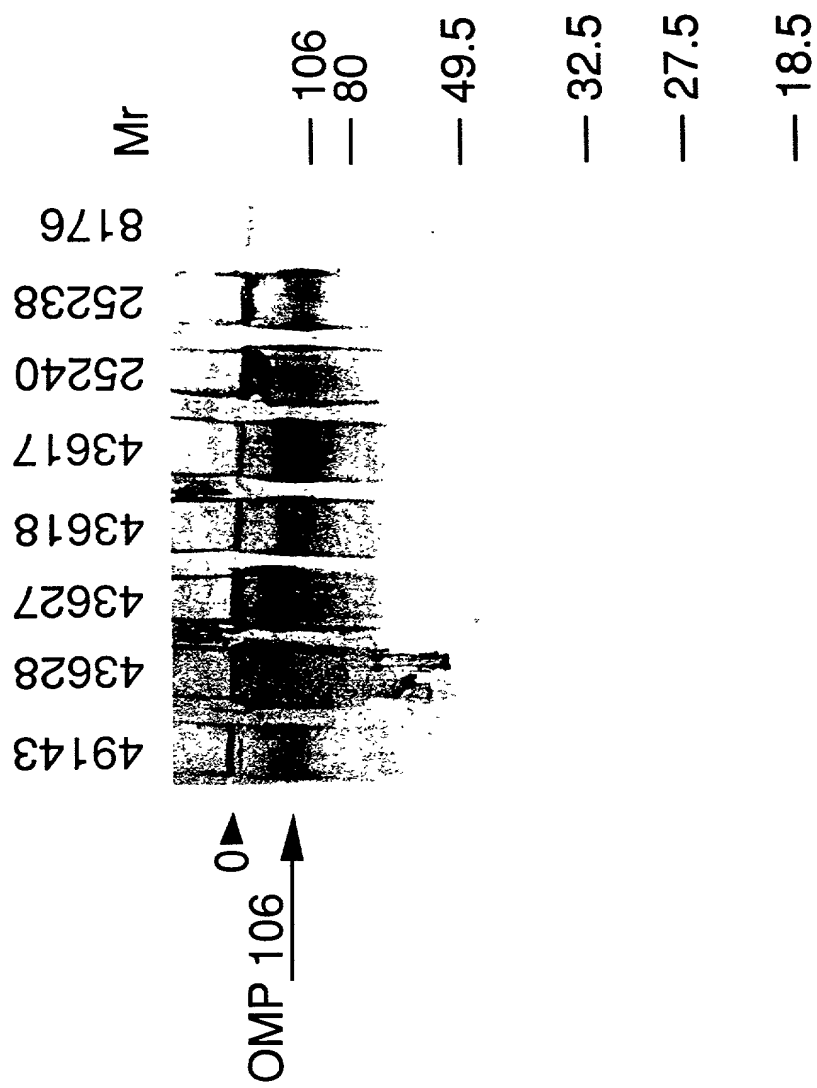


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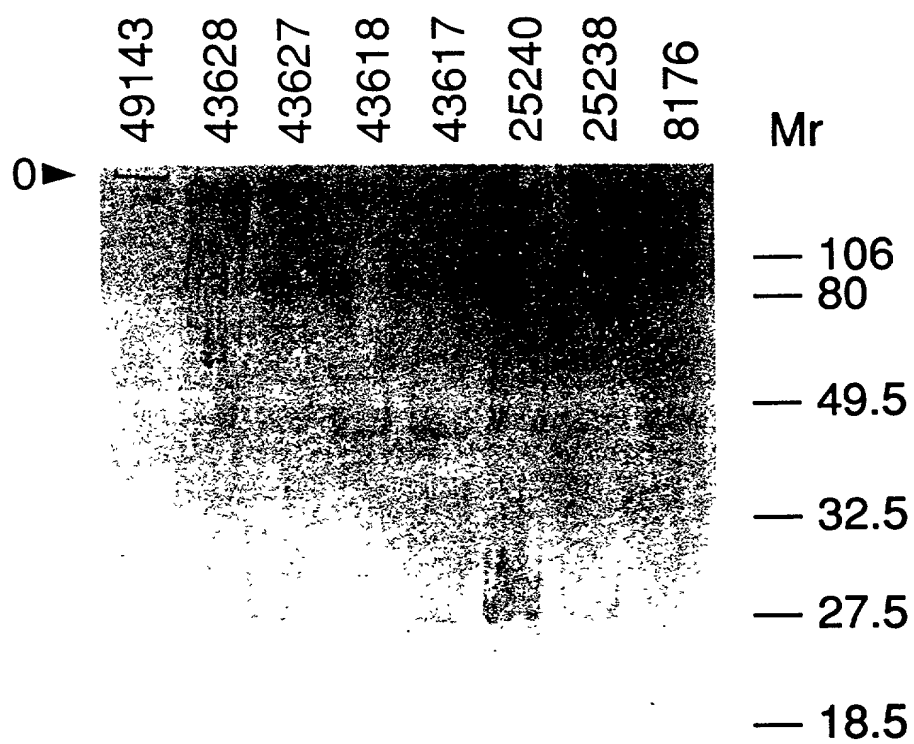


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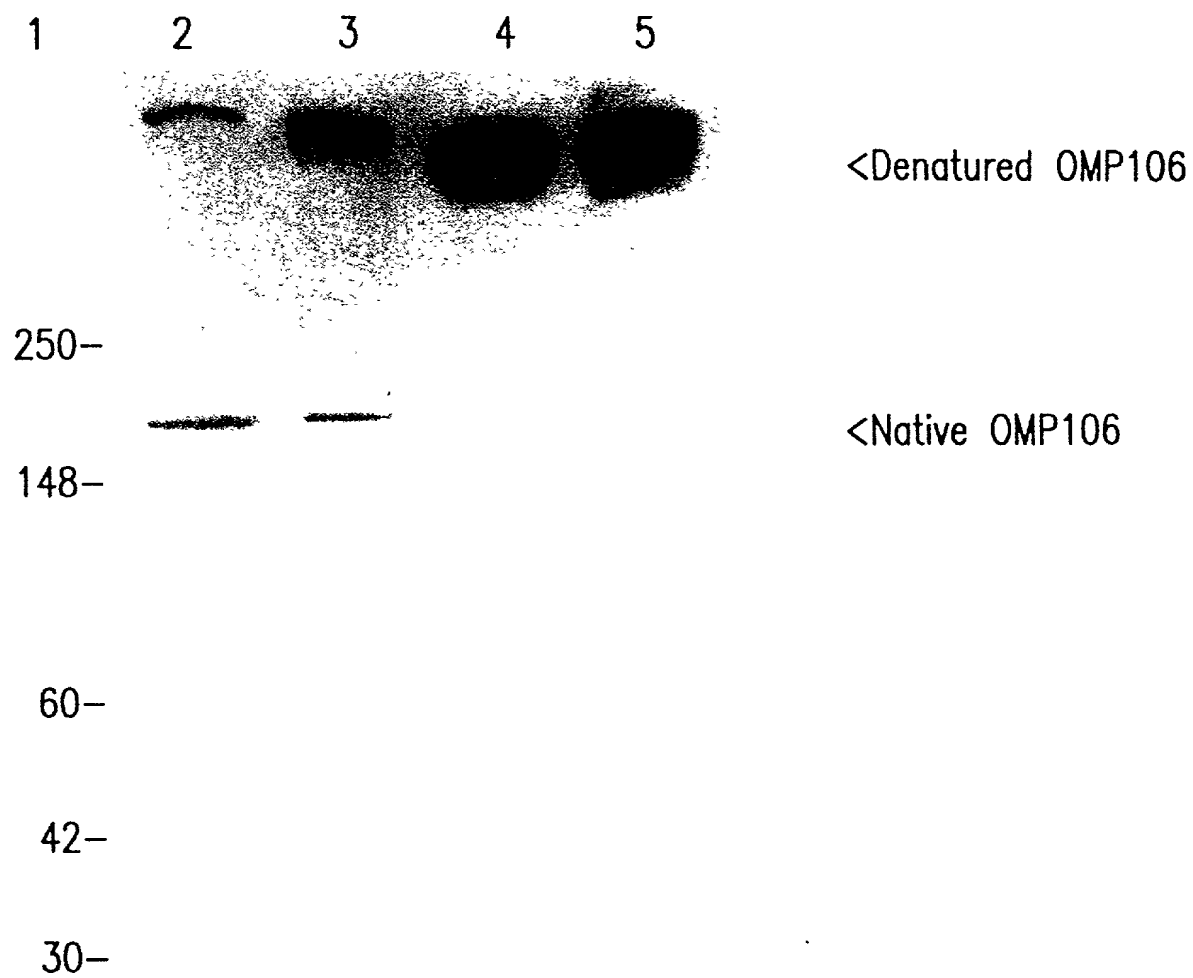


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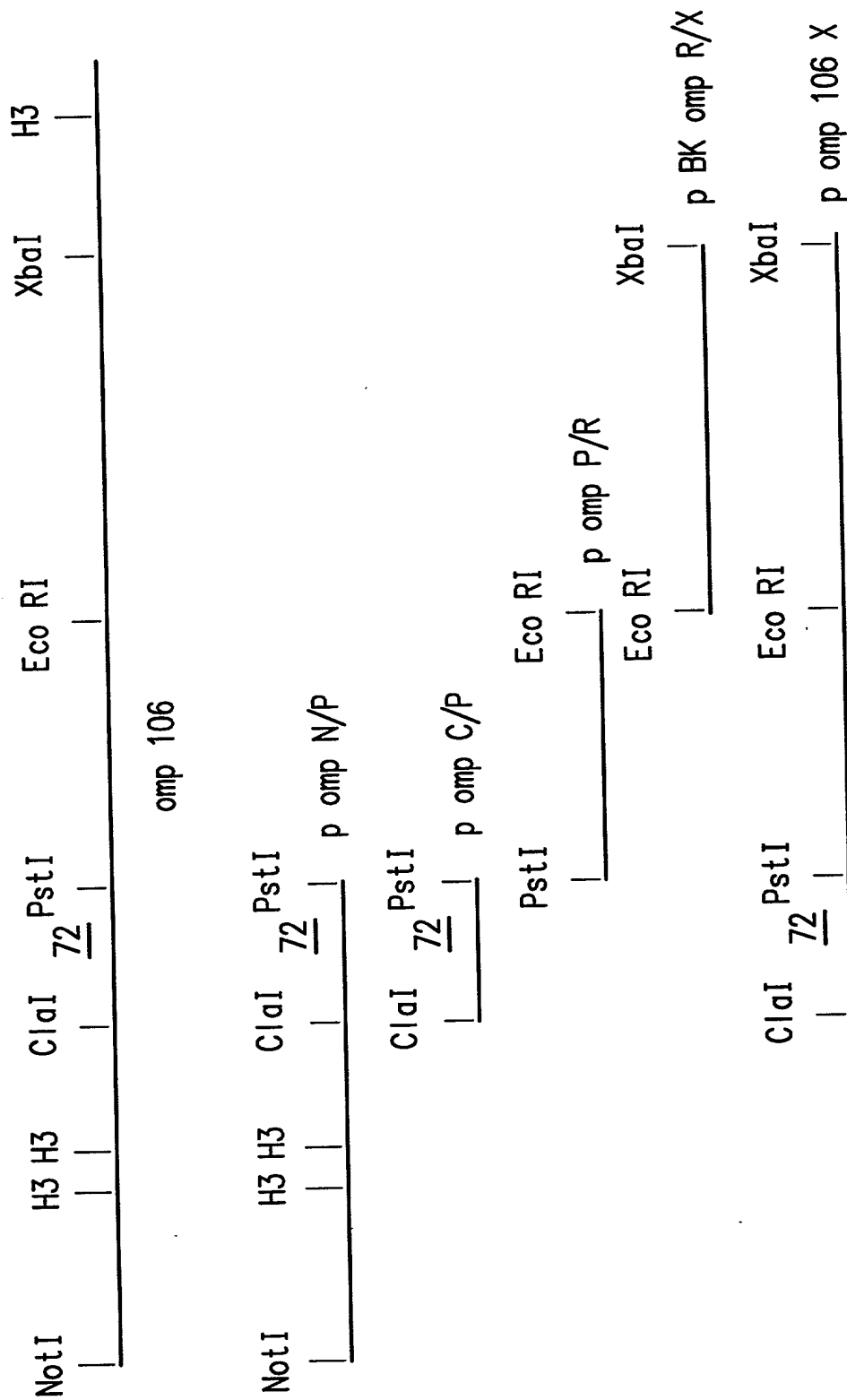


FIG. 11

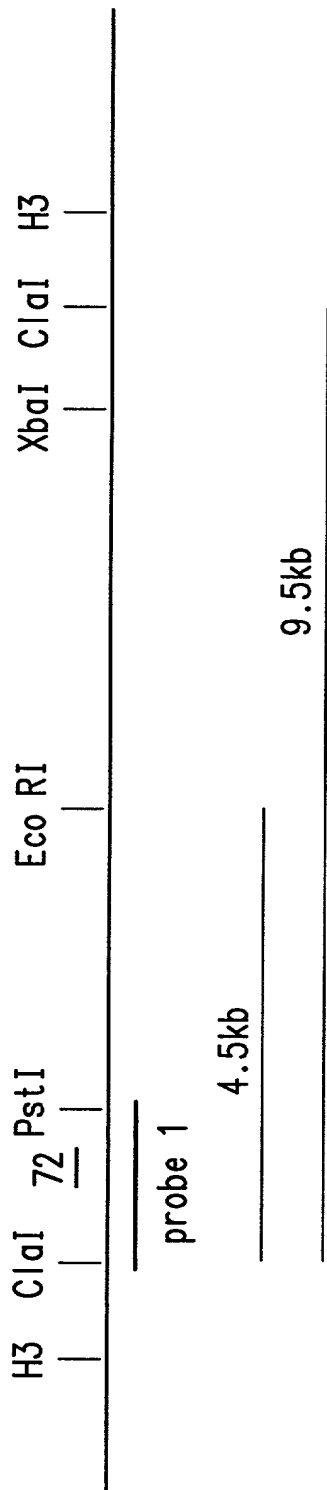


FIG. 12A

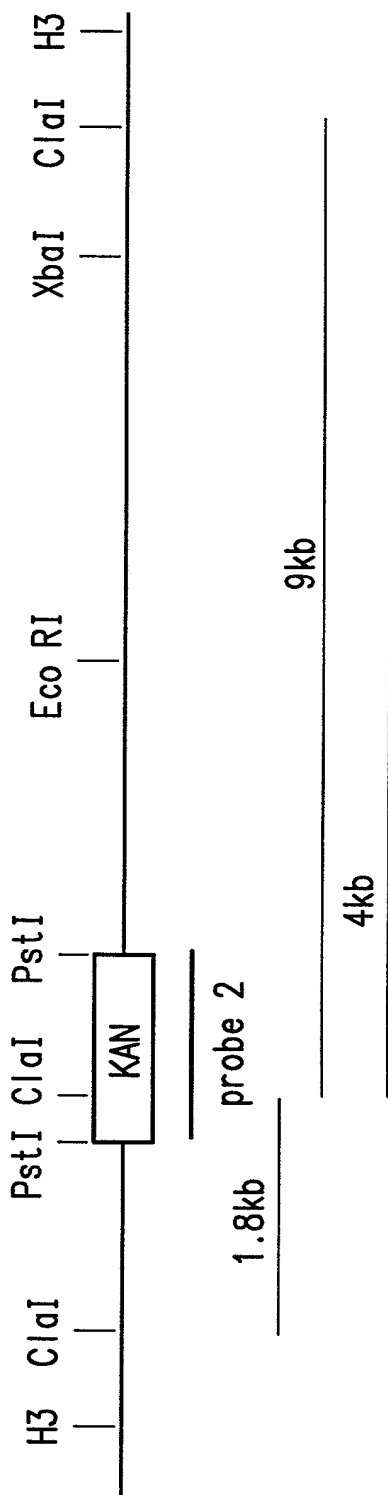


FIG. 12B